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SUPREME COURT ISSUES JUDICIAL BRANCH'S 2001 ANNUAL REPORT

LANSING, MI, April 5, 2002 – The Michigan Supreme Court today released its annual report for 2001. The report, which includes such statistics as numbers of cases filed in Michigan's courts, also features key accomplishments and programs of the Michigan judicial branch.

"The annual report is a resource for anyone interested in Michigan's justice system," said Chief Justice Maura D. Corrigan. "It provides an overview of the issues facing the Michigan judicial branch."

The report opens with highlights of 2001, including child support enforcement, technology and the courts, the Michigan Hall of Justice, court restructuring, security issues, and Cyber Court.

A detailed review of Michigan's court system follows. The report provides 2001 statistics for each level of the state judiciary: Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Circuit Court, Probate Court, District Court, Court of Claims, and Municipal Court. Charts showing caseload trends and maps of court districts are featured in the report, as are discussions of each court's function. The report also lists judges for each court and provides information about Michigan's Friend of the Court.

The report is available on the "One Court of Justice" web site at: http://courts.michigan.gov/scao/resources/publications/caseload.htm. Hard copies may be ordered by calling (517) 373-9345.